

tional Packing Co. did to the beef industry.

It is to be hoped that the government's passion for a dissolu-

tion of the moving picture trust will not have the same effect as in the Standard Oil, Tobacco and Beef Trust cases.

HAS CHICAGO DISCOVERED ITSELF?

According to General Manager Miller, of the Association of Commerce, Chicago has discovered itself during Made-in-Chicago week. And then he goes on to say there has been a large increase in the membership of Chicago business associations and that sales have increased.

All of that is very fine. Probably Chicago will be boosted and business will boom. But Chicago has a long ways to go before it really discovers itself.

Booming business alone won't make Chicago or any other city great. Big skyscrapers, monster railway stations, gorgeous lobster palaces and beautiful boulevards cut a figure, but after all what makes any great city is the character of the men, women and children who live in it.

Some fool business men think the way to make a city great is to make a cheap labor market, so that enormous profits may be made by manufacturing. To that end, they organize and try to break up labor unions and establish the open shop—which generally means open to all but union workmen.

But the lower the scale of wages in a city, the lower the scale of humanity, and the lower the moral tone of the community.

There are people in this town who think that the big department stores help make Chicago great, because some of them are supposed to be the greatest stores in the world.

But the magnificent displays in the show windows don't tell the whole story. Neither does a Field museum of art prove that Marshal Field was a good citizen. Marshal Field was but one of many men who became multi-millionaires by making labor cheap. Many of the women whose names almost daily grace the sassiety columns of the fawning newspapers, make their lavish displays on fortunes ground out of the very souls of men, women and children.

No, those beautiful displays of made-in-Chicago products don't tell the whole story. Back of them is the story of life, with its wickedness, its greed, its humanity, its sordid selfishness and its innumerable shams.

And Chicago will not have discovered itself until everybody knows the whole story, and has insisted that the people who do the actual work are paid enough for it to live decent, wholesome and happy.